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REMARKS

This is a response to the Office action of February 18, 2009.

Applicant and his undersigned attorney express their thanks to Examiner Banafsheh Hadizonooz and Primary Examiner Kathleen Mosser for their courtesies and helpfulness during a personal interview on April 16, 2009. Applicant is in agreement with the following statement by Examiner Hadizonooz regarding the substance of the interview. "The applicant clarified the disclosed claims by displaying a sample scoring template that is used to score pairs of responses. Clarification was made over the fact that the solid lines connect the pairs of responses and not the question. It was further discussed that the numbers next to the geometric shapes on each template are not necessarily question numbers. An agreement was reached over the fact that by further defining the meaning of "designated pairs" the application overcomes the prior art of record. No agreement was reached over patentability."

Claims 1-7 are present in the application. Parent claims 1 and 6 have been amended to more clearly define applicant's invention over the prior art of record, as agreed upon at the aforementioned interview.

Parent claim 1 has been amended to state that the "designated pairs of responses" in line 1 are responses "to a series of questions..." Basis for this amendment is set out in the specification on page 1, in the first sentence under "Background and

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Field of the Invention", and also in line 1 of claim 6, as originally filed. Claim 1 has been further amended to define "means for allowing" viewing through said template. It is believed that this amendment is proper and is in accord with 35 U.S.C. 112. The amendment is supported in the specification at page 4, lines 13-17 indicating that the template T can be transparent, or translucent, or opaque and have holes punched to allow responses to be visible.

Parent claim 6 has been amended in that two instances of the word "answers" have been changed to "responses" in order to be consistent with "pairs of responses" in line 1.

In view of the foregoing amendments, discussions and agreement reached at the interview on April 16, 2009, and the explanations given in applicant's previous responses, the claims now define over the prior art of record. It is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance of claims 1-7 and such action by the Examiner is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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